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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TOUR D'HORIZON IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) STATE 190578; (B) BERLIN 4947

DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT FOLLOW-UP MEETING (REF A)
TO FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER'S JUNE 6 MEETING WITH THE
SECRETARY WOULD BE USEFUL. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
USEFUL PRIOR TO GRUNERT'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON TO TIE
UP AS MANY LOOSE ENDS AS POSSIBLE AND TO DETERMINE AS
CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE WHERE WE STAND ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO CAST OUR INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSION WITH GRUNERT IN REALISTIC, AND WE WOULD HOPE
POSITIVE TERMS. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE GDR FIRMER BASIS FOR
ARMING GRUNERT WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD ENABLE HIM
AND GDR TO MAKE BEST USE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR FRESH START.
IN VIEW, THEREFORE, OF ANTICIPATED DELAY IN MEETING WITH
FISCHER (REF B) AMBASSADOR SHOULD USE TALKING POINTS IN
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REF A FOR HIS MEETING WITH GRUNERT NEXT WEEK, REPEATING
THEM AS NECESSARY IN LATER MEETING WITH FISCHER. CHRISTOPHER

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